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SUBJECT: CSCE/CUM'S: FRG MANEUVER IN MAY

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-- B) USNATO 427 DTG 261229Z JAN 77

1. USNATO SHOULD STATE AT FEBRUARY 10 POLADS THAT THE
US WOULD WELCOME THE FRG'S MAKING NOTIFICATION OF THE
10,000 TROOP MANEUVER SCHEDULED FOR MAY.

2. EMBASSY BONN AND USNATO SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE OCCA-
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SION TO MENTION PRIVATELY TO FRG OFFICIALS THAT WE FORESEE
POSSIBLE BENEFITS 'ERE THEY TO DECIDE TO INVITE OBSERVERS
TO THEIR MAY MANEUVER. THIS WOULD DEMONSTRATE AGAIN
THE WESTERN FULFILLMENT OF T;E COM ON NOTIFICATIONS OF
OTHER MANEUVERS. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A LAST OPPOR-
TUNITY BEFORE BELGRADE FOR THE SOVIETS TO ACCEPT A
WESTERN OBSERVER INVITATION.

3. INVITATION OF SELECTED REPEAT SELECTED OBSERVERS AS MENTIONED IN REF A WOULD NOT MESH WITH THE FRG POLICY OF INVITING ALL PARTICIPATING STATES SO AS TO AVOID SINGLING OUT THE GDR FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT. THE FRG HAS INDICATED THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO BE PRESSURED INTO SITUATIONS

WHICH WOULD OPEN THE QUESTION OF INVITATIONS TO GDR OFFICERS TO ATTEND MANEUVERS IN THE FRG. WE DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE RAISING THIS ISSUE BY SUGGESTING SELECTED INVITATIONS.

4. THE PRESENCE OF A SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE IN BONN WOULD FACILITATE SOVIET ATTENDANC" BUT THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT USED THE RATIONALE THAT THEY HAVE NO PERSONNEL QUALIFIED TO ATTEND OBSERVATIONS LATELY. RATHER, THEY HAVE KEPT SILENT ON THE SUBJECT OF NOT ACCEPTING INVITATIONS, WITH AN OCCASIONAL PRESS REFERENCE TO NOT LEGITIMIZING "SABRERATTLING" WESTERN MILITARY ACTIVITY.

5. FOR USNATO: WE FEEL THAT ALLIED CONSULTATIONS ON 1977 NOTIFICATIONS AND INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS, AS WELL AS ALLIED PRESS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS POLICIES, SHOULD BE COMPLETED EARLY IN ORDER TO ENSURE ORDERLY AND EFFECTIVE CBM IMPLEMENTATION DURING BELGRADE MEETINGS. THE LIST OF US PARTICIPATION IN MANEUVERS OF 10,000-PLUS TROOPS FOR 1977 IN EUROPE IS AVAILABLE TO THE MISSION IN US CINCEUR MESSAGE 071430Z FEB 77.

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